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### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Executive Secretary

Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT:

Central America and the Human Cost of Communism

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Attached is an outline of the history of the human cost of communism and how the pattern of these costs has been repeating itself in Nicaragua. We request that you coordinate with the Department of State in filling in the latest facts and figures (including, where appropriate, low and high estimates), conforming to the headings (Sections IIA and IIC) in the attached outline as they refer to: 1) to the human costs communism has inflicted in all existing Marxist-Leninist states, and 2) to the human costs as they have begun to display themselves in Nicaragua.

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A draft should be ready for submission by COB, Friday, June 21.

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Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary Department of State

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### The Human Cost of Communism: The Central American Experience in Historical Perspective

#### I. Human Suffering Caused by Communism — Statistics

- A. Murders
- B. Refugees -- including forced exile
- C. Political Prisoners and Slave Laborers
- D. Internal Relocation

#### II. The Quality of Life Under Communism

- A. Basic Human Needs
  - Destruction of the Consumer Economy: Central Planning, Collectivization, Food Rationing, Famine, etc.
  - 2. Destruction of Medical Care (Scarcity of Medical Supplies)
  - 3. Destruction of Housing Market
    - a. Deterioration of existing housing
    - b. No new construction (compare with population growth)
  - 4. Spiritual and Psychic Needs
    - a. Religion
    - b. Culture
    - c. Historical and national heritage
    - C. Social and family life
      - -- Sex
      - -- Friendship (trust)
- B. Human Rights
  - 1. No Consent of the Governed: Rulers Assume Power by Conspiracy and Force
  - 2. No Due Process: "Revolutionary" Justice on Class Basis
  - No Freedom of Speech, etc.
  - 4. Destruction and Subversion of Religion
  - 5. No Freedom of Association: Destruction of all Islands of Autonomy -- Unions, Family, Ethnic Groups, Churches, Fraternal Organizations, Private Business, etc.
  - 6. No Freedom to Travel, Emigrate
- C. Internal Security System
  - 1. Formation of a Party Organization
  - 2. Official Ideology: Sets Standard for Conformity and Deviationism
  - 3. Secret Police
  - 4. Block Committees: System of Informants
  - Official Terrorism and Harassment
  - 6. Control over Economy: Credit, Production and Distribution
  - 7. Control over Educational System
  - 8. Monopoly of Information and Ideas: The Propaganda Apparatus
  - 9. Literacy Campaign: Part of that Apparatus
  - 10. The Military: Party and not National Army; Militarization of Society
    - a. Instrument of coercion
    - Vehicle of political indoctrination
  - 11. Reliance on Soviet and Soviet Proxy Support -- Military and Security Police
  - 12. Control over Individual Life: Housing, Job, Pension, Internal Passports, Salary, Oil and Gas Quota
- III. Export of Communism and Terrorism: Vehicle to Achieve Legitimacy and to Keep Society Mobilized versus "Enemies"
- IV. The Case of Nicaragua: The Beginnings of a Communist Holocaust (Repeat above outline.)

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Nick Platt wanted you to have a copy of the attached Platt/McFarlane for your information.

S/S May 3, 1985



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May 3, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Central America and the Human Cost of Communism

We have surveyed our resources in this area and have come to the conclusion that we will need some assistance to comply with your request in a timely fashion and ensure that the information provided for all the categories is thorough and well researched. We are beginning work on Sections I, II.B, III and IV. We would appreciate it if you would ask the Central Intelligence Agency to handle

Nicholas Platt

Executive Secretary



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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Central America and the Human Cost of Communism (U)

Attached is an outline of the history of the human cost of communism and how the pattern of these costs has been repeating itself in Nicaragua. We request that you prepare a 30 - 40 page paper filling in the latest facts and figures (including, where appropriate, low and high estimates), conforming to the headings in this outline as they refer: 1) to the human costs communism has inflicted in all existing Marxist-Leninist states, and 2) to the human costs as they have begun to display themselves in Nicaragua. We would appreciate it if you would submit a draft to NSC by COB, Friday, June 21. (C)

Robert M. Rimmitt Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

Outline: The Human Cost of Communism (U)

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